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1. The VP signal battalion was organized into three Abteilungen: the first Abteilung consisted of 30 radio operators; the second of 30 monitoring specialists; and the third of 70 telephone operators.
2. Officers of the VP signal battalion included VP Kommandeur Roelich, commanding officer; VP Rat Hildebrandt, PK officer; VP Rat Zimmer, chief of staff, an ex-captain; VP Kommandeur Menzel, commanding officer of 1st Abteilung; VP Oberkommissar Klepzig, commanding officer of 2d Abteilung, who was said to have been employed with the German Army as a specialist in centimeter wave lengths; and VP Oberkommissar Luck, commanding officer of 3d Abteilung.
3. The battalion was armed with German infantry weapons, and with some Soviet weapons for training purposes. The 2d Abteilung allegedly was to receive direction-finding equipment for centimeter wave lengths.
4. The signal battalion was frequently inspected by key personalities of the HVA. Allegedly it was to carry out a special mission during the 1951 summer youth games in Berlin. The signal battalion was assigned directly to the HVA. Chief of signal-communications at the HVA was VP Inspekteur Reimann, former director of training at the signal school in Pirna. *

* [REDACTED] Comment: The signal battalion mentioned in the present report is probably assigned directly to the HVA and engaged in the transmission of police communications and also in radio intelligence. In mid-March 1951, the 7th and 8th Cos of the VP PK school in Berlin-Treptow were reported to consist of personnel who had come from Niederlehme. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the signal school in Pirna was deactivated, is incorrect. The personnel of the old course were graduated, and a new course was started in late 1950.

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